

REMARKS

On page 5 of the Office Action, Examiner Morgan indicates that dependent claim 7 (7/1) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 7 has effectively been rewritten in independent form by canceling claim 7 and adding its limitations by amendment to independent parent claim 1. That is, the currently amended claim 1 is equivalent the dependent claim 7 (7/1) rewritten in independent form.

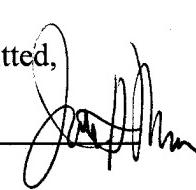
Therefore, the amended claim 1 now should be **allowed**. Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1, whereby claims 2-6 also now should be **allowed**.

The withdrawn claims 8 and 9 have been canceled.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and §103(a), and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with all of claims 1-6; however, if the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for Extension of Time of two months.

Respectfully submitted,

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